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**DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING
AND DISTRIBUTING COCAINE BASE**

Orlando, Florida – Friday, September 7, 2001, United States District Judge Patricia C. Fawsett sentenced SEAN MAURICE RHYNES, age 35, a resident of Cocoa, Florida to ten years imprisonment, to be followed by five years of supervised release.

Defendant RHYNES was involved in the distribution of cocaine base, commonly called "crack cocaine," in Brevard County, Florida, and was manufacturing crack cocaine in his residence in Cocoa, Florida. Agents conducted a series of undercover purchases of crack cocaine from RHYNES, culminating in the execution of a search warrant and the discovery of his cocaine base manufacturing operation.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Paul G. Byron of the Orlando Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

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